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SUBJ: INCREASE IN DEA STAFF, BOLIVIA

- 1. I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT TO LA PAZ OF TWO ADDITIONAL AGENTS, ONE OF WHICH IS TO BE AN INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST. TO DATE THE ONLY NEWS I HAVE IS THAT DEA HQ HAS SOLICITED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE POSITIONS. WOULD SNM BE GOOD ENOUGH TO ASCERTAIN FOR ME THE PRESENT STATUS OF DEA'S RECRUITMENT EFFORT?
- 2. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT NICHOLSON MISSION IN FALL OF 1976 RECOMMENDED THIS INCREASE WHICH I HAVE SUPPORTED IN MODE AND PARM DOCUMENTS. THE ADDITIONAL AGENT IS VITAL TO HELP WITH THE EXPANDED EFFORT TO BE MOUNTED WITH ADDITIONAL U.S. FURNISHED EQUIPMENT. THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WILL HELP DNSP OVERCOME A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION.
- 3. THE GOB IS AWARE OF OUR INTEREST IN EXAPANDING THE DEA OFFICE AND ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO OUR MEETING THIS OBJECTIVE. AS WE PRESS THE GOB TO EXPAND STAFF, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASE FUNDING, CONCENTRATE ON MAJOR TRAFFICKERS, AND UNDERTAKE SELECTED OPERATIONS, THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL RISE SHARPLY; THE U.S. MUST BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT FOR THIS EFFORT TO SUCCEED.

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